AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING(S)

The attached new sheet of Drawings adds new Fig. 11. Replacement sheets for the original Drawings are provided to remove the page designations thereon which had reflected the original number of Drawing sheets.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed July 22, 2008 in the above-identified application.

Claims 2-4, 15 and 24 are the claims currently presented for examination in the present application.

Filed herewith is new Figure 11 illustrating the pocket knife with three mounting spindles, and a cutting tool or blade foldably secured by one of the mounting spindles. New Figure 11 is fully supported by applicant's disclosure, see, for example Figures 3 and 4 and claim 2.

Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the opportunity of a telephone interview conducted on November 3, 2008. With respect to the requirement to provide a Statement of Substance of Interview, applicant notes as follows: During the telephone interview, applicant's representative, George Brieger, Registration No. 52,652, explained that the invention as claimed in claim 2 requires at least three mounting spindles positioned and configured to foldably secure the at least one cutting tool or blade to the body of the pocket knife, and a transmission arrangement that pivots about one of these mounting spindles when the weighing element receives the load. The Examiner agreed that the cited references, including Aoki, do not disclose or suggest this feature.

Rejection of Claims 2-4, 15 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-4, 15 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious from Camenzind, PCT WO 99/56918 in view of Aoki, U.S. Patent No. 6,069,325. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As discussed in the course of the above-referenced telephone interview with the Examiner, Camenzind and Aoki do not disclose or suggest at least three mounting spindles positioned and configured to foldably secure the at least one cutting tool or blade to the body of the pocket knife, and a transmission arrangement that pivots about one spindle of the at least three mounting spindles when the weighing element receives the load, the transmission arrangement for transmitting the weight of the load to the measuring sensor, as required by claim 2. Accordingly, even taken together in combination, Camenzind and Aoki do not disclose or suggest the recitations of claim 2. Claims 3, 4, 15 and 24 depend from claim 2 and are therefore patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

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In view of the foregoing discussion, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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